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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

October 9, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: GRAND AVENUE REALIGNMENT PROJECT
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF JURISDICTION
PROJECT ID NO. P200000359; C.P. 86483
(FIRST DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the completion of the construction contract for the Grand Avenue Realignment project, in the City of Los Angeles, with Griffith Company, in the final amount of \$11,244,430.40.
2. Adopt the Resolution declaring Grand Avenue between Temple Street and 300 feet south of Second Street to be no longer part of the County System of Highways.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will relinquish Grand Avenue back to the City of Los Angeles (City).

In October 2002, your Board adopted a resolution declaring Grand Avenue, within the City, to be part of the County System of Highways and requested jurisdiction of Grand Avenue between Temple Street and 300 feet south of Second Street for the purpose of constructing the Grand Avenue Realignment Project. The City, per the Resolution adopted on November 26, 2002, consented to the County taking jurisdiction as required

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under the provision of Sections 1700 et seq., inclusive, of the California Streets and Highways Code to implement the proposed project.

In March 2003, your Board approved a construction contract with Griffith Company to construct the Grand Avenue Realignment Project. The project consisted of realigning Grand Avenue from Temple Street to just south of Second Street by generally shifting the roadway to the southeast creating a wider sidewalk in front of the Music Center and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. In addition, the project included pedestrian and landscaping improvements and the installation of an elevator from Grand Avenue to the Paseo to provide direct disabled access from the Metro Red Line Civic Center Station to Grand Avenue. The construction of the project was completed in April 2006 and the contractor has met all project requirements. It is now recommended that your Board accept the project and adopt the attached Resolution declaring Grand Avenue between Temple Street and 300 feet south of Second Street is no longer part of the County System of Highways and relinquishing jurisdiction to the City.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions meet the County Strategic Plan of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Service (Goal 6) as the completion of the project improves the quality of life for residents of the community and created a more welcoming environment for the community and the visitors to the Music Center campus, as well as the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and the County Mall.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Final construction costs totaled \$11,244,430. The overall project cost totaled \$14,417,799, which is approximately \$48,201 under the previously Board approved project budget of \$14,466,000. A total of 88 change orders were approved and the contract duration was extended by 113 working days. To account for weather delays and permitting issues with the new elevator, 524 nonworking days were added to the contract. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary is attached (Attachment A).

The project was funded by a Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant totaling \$466,000, two State Transportation Enhancement Act grants totaling \$4,800,000, a Federal Surface Transportation Program grant totaling \$4,669,000, a contribution totaling \$4,100,000 from the Music Center, and \$382,799 of other revenue.

Operating Budget Impact

The City will be responsible for maintaining the improvements constructed within the City's right of way with the exception of Non-Standard Features. The County will be responsible for maintaining the Non-Standard Features within the City's right of way. The maintenance of the Non-Standard Features located within the City's right of way will be the responsibility of the Internal Services Department and will be funded with the Internal Services Department's Grounds Maintenance funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The attached Resolution declares that Grand Avenue between Temple Street and 300 feet south of Second Street to be no longer part of the County System of Highways (Attachment B) and has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On October 8, 2002, your Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Grand Avenue and Environs Project, which included the realignment of Grand Avenue and associated pedestrian improvements to the County Mall.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

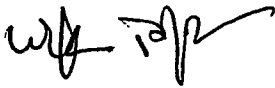
All improvements have been completed.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations, please forward an adopted, stamped copy of the Board letter and two certified copies of the Resolution to my office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Internal Services Department
Department of Public Works

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ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND BUDGET SUMMARY

**GRAND AVENUE REALIGNMENT PROJECT
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
ID NO. P200000359; C. P. 86483**

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	Date Completed
Award Design Contract	02/02	02/02
Construction Documents	08/02	09/02
Jurisdictional Approval	09/02	10/02
Award Construction Contract	02/03	02/03
Construction Start	03/03	03/03
Field Acceptance of Contract	12/03	04/06

II. PROJECT BUDGET

Budget Category	Current Approved Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction (including change order contingency)	\$ 11,859,758	\$ (615,328)	\$ 11,244,430
Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Architectural/Engineering Services	\$ 1,643,954	\$ (67,743)	\$ 1,576,211
Consultant Services	\$ 117,058	\$ 0	\$ 117,058
Permits and Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Miscellaneous	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
County Services	\$ 830,230	\$ 634,870	\$ 1,465,100
TOTAL	\$ 14,466,000	\$ 48,201	\$ 14,417,799

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING PORTIONS OF
GRAND AVENUE NO LONGER TO BE A PART OF
THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on October 15, 2002, that portion of the hereinafter-described street within the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been declared by the Board of Supervisors of said County to be a part of the System of Highways pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1700, et seq., of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the realignment and improvements of Grand Avenue between Temple Street and 300 feet south of Second Street; and

WHEREAS, all improvements for the realignment of Grand Avenue have now been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that as provided in Section 1704 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, the following named street within the City of Los Angeles is hereby declared not to be a part of the County System of Highways of said County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rights of way acquired by the County of Los Angeles within the City of Los Angeles in connection with the project are relinquished, and ten days after filing this Resolution with the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, the following named street shall cease to be a County Highway.

Streets & Limits

Supervisory District/Capital Project

Grand Avenue - Temple Street to

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300 feet south of Second Street

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) s.s.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

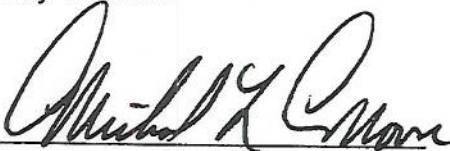
I, SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, do hereby certify that the attached is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted on OCTOBER 9, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing district for which said Board so acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of the County of Los Angeles this 9TH day of OCTOBER, 20 07.

APPROVES AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.,
County Counsel


By



Deputy

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By



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